

Pearl Mary Rottink Hoodjer Pace, 96

Pearl Pace, 96, died at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center on March 4, 2010. She was born on Sept. 28, 1913, at Probisher, Canada, to Lulu W. Elliott Rottink & Horace E. Rottink. She had two brothers, Paul and Roy; three sisters, Alta, Frances, and Neva. When she was two years old, the family moved to Iowa. The family moved to North Dakota where she attended school for 10 years. In 1928, the family returned to Iowa.



On June 9, 1934, she married Lester Hoodjer in Clarks-ville. To this union, they had five children: Donald (Colleen, deceased), (Carol) of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Merlin (Mary) of Nashua; LaVonne Chapman (Allen, deceased) of Brooklyn; Norma Jean Clawson (Harry, deceased) Bell of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Patricia Taylor (Dick, deceased) Klein (Richard) of Grinnell. Lester passed away on Dec. 13, 1960. On July 19, 1965, she married Robert Pace of Blair, Wis. She was a Sunday school teacher and the president of the Ruth Circle in Blair. They farmed in Blair until 1970 when they moved to Milan, Mo.

She was active in the Methodist church and was secretary-treasurer and vice-president of the Lydia Circle in Milan. She worked for Gambles and was a seamstress for many years. She and Bob moved to Brooklyn in 1991 to be near her daughters.

She resided at Brooklyn Community Estate.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; three sisters; both husbands; and her sons, Donald and Merlin.

She is survived by her daughters, LaVonne, Norma Jean, and Patricia. She had many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Pearl's memorial service will be held at the Grace Methodist Church in Brooklyn, on April 3, at 10 a.m.

PCCZ March 24, 2010